SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday March 11, 2015

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 359 Taylor, Van/ Estes

Honoring Congressman Sam Johnson on the 42nd anniversary of his release as a North Vietnamese prisoner of war.

HCR 79 Larson SP: Menéndez

Recognizing musician Phil Collins as an honorary Texan and commending him for his donation of Alamo artifacts to the State of Texas.

The Senate confirmed all nominees as reported by the Committee on Nominations.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 41 Huffines

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing that a statute or appropriations act that furthers a legitimate state purpose or interest such as efficiency or local control meets the requirement of providing an efficient system of public schools and that this requirement is the prerogative of the legislature.

Education

SJR 42 Huffines

Proposing a constitutional amendment prescribing the purposes for which revenues from motor vehicle registration fees and taxes on motor fuels and lubricants may be used.

Finance

SCR 23 Hall

Urging Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification a regulation freedom amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

State Affairs

SB 205 Campbell/ Birdwell/ Hinojosa/

Nelson/Schwertner

Relating to the functions of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

Health & Human Services

SB 855 Zaffirini

Relating to the territory and board of the Canyon Regional Water Authority.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1011 Hancock

Relating to public school choice, including school campus information, student transfers, the public education grant program, and the transportation allotment.

Education

SB 1012 Hancock

Relating to local control school districts.

Education

SB 1013 Bettencourt

Relating to periodic zero-based budgeting for certain political subdivisions.

Finance

SB 1014 Rodríguez

Relating to the possession of and access to a child in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in which there is evidence of family violence, child abuse or neglect, or the sexual assault of one parent by the other parent.

State Affairs

SB 1015 Bettencourt

Relating to limiting the amount of assistance a person may provide a voter; creating a criminal offense. **State Affairs**

SB 1016 Hancock

Relating to participation in certain programs by, and insurer premium tax credits for investments in, certified capital companies.

Business & Commerce

SB 1017 Hancock

Relating to the decertification of a certified capital company.

Business & Commerce

SB 1018 Hancock

Relating to the provision of direct primary care.

Health & Human Services

SB 1019 Creighton

Relating to abatement of public nuisances on undeveloped land in the unincorporated area of a county.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1020 Creighton

Relating to the designation of the trustee of an express trust as a beneficiary of a trust account or a P.O.D. payee of a P.O.D. account.

State Affairs

SB 1021 Creighton

Relating to reporting requirements for certain unclaimed property.

Business & Commerce

SB 1022 Uresti

Relating to an unsworn declaration made by a private process server in the performance of the server's job duties.

State Affairs

SB 1023 Seliger

Relating to the designation of van-only parking spaces for use by persons with disabilities; creating an offense.

Business & Commerce

SB 1024 Seliger

Relating to eligibility for course credit and high school diplomas of students enrolled in educational programs provided by the Windham School District in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice

SB 1025 Seliger

Relating to supplemental compensation paid to certain county judges.

Finance

SB 1026 Seliger

Relating to the regulation of the sale of dextromethorphan to minors; providing civil penalties.

Health & Human Services

SB 1027 Seliger

Relating to refunding certain taxes remitted by racing associations in consideration for enhancing racing purses.

Finance

SB 1028 Taylor, Van

Relating to the imposition and use of the municipal hotel occupancy tax by certain eligible central municipalities.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1029 Taylor, Van

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to undertake a qualified hotel project.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1030 Seliger

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain equipment used for digital audio broadcasting.

Finance

SB 1031 Watson

Relating to a provisional license to practice funeral directing or embalming.

Business & Commerce

SB 1032 Watson

Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.

Business & Commerce

SB 1033 Watson

Relating to relating to the definition of a dependent for health benefit plans offered by certain university systems.

State Affairs

SB 1034 Rodríguez

Relating to the applicability of canceling an annual application for a ballot to be voted by mail to subsequent elections.

State Affairs

SB 1035 Rodríguez

Relating to the oversight of state border security activities.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations-S/C Border Security

SB 1036 Rodríguez

Relating to leadership development of public school administrators.

Education

SB 1037 Rodríguez

Relating to law enforcement training programs and policies on using appropriate nonlethal force and nonviolent restraint; changing the education requirements for licensure as a peace officer.

Criminal Justice

SB 1038 Rodríguez

Relating to a study by the General Land Office regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in compliance with model subdivision rules.

Business & Commerce

SB 1039 Rodríguez

Relating to seeking federal authorization to provide health benefit plan coverage to certain low-income individuals through the private marketplace.

Health & Human Services

SB 1040 Rodríguez

Relating to the courts authorized to hear certain matters relating to a capias pro fine.

Criminal Justice

SB 1041 Bettencourt

Relating to required disclosures in ballot proposition language authorizing political subdivisions to issue bonds or impose or change a tax.

Finance

SB 1042 Bettencourt

Relating to fiscal transparency and accountability of certain political subdivisions.

Finance

SB 1043 Nichols

Relating to the regulation of motor vehicles by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; creating a criminal offense; providing a penalty; authorizing fees.

Transportation

SB 1044 Hall

Relating to the authority of a customer to choose not to have an advanced meter and to liability for damages caused by an advanced meter.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1045 Hall

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to enter into a design-build contract for the Interstate Highway 635 East project.

Transportation

SB 1046 Hall

Relating to disclosure of financial studies and reports associated with a toll project.

Transportation

SB 1047 Hall

Relating to abolishing the Texas Enterprise Fund and the disposition of the balance of that fund.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1048 Hall

Relating to prohibiting the use of certain federal funds for a mass transit passenger rail project.

Transportation

SB 1049 Campbell

Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.

Finance

SB 1050 Rodríguez

Relating to the suspension of an election judge or clerk.

State Affairs

SB 1051 Kolkhorst

Relating to the powers and duties of the North Fort Bend Water Authority.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs